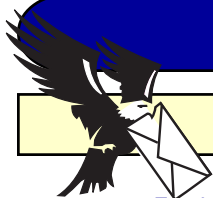


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LETTERS

Employees are invited to write letters of general interest on work-related topics. Anonymous letters will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters or not to accept letters for publication. Send your letters to the *Reach*, B3-30, or to *Hanford Reach on e-mail. Letters are limited to 300 words, and must include your name, company, work group and location. Opinions expressed are those of the author and not of DOE-RL, ORP or their contractors.

Thanks to everyone

Our family would like to express our thanks for all the support, prayers, personal time bank hours and money donations during this time.

Our daughter Starla is doing great, and is reacting positively to her chemo treatments. She still has a ways to go, but we wanted to take a moment to say thank you all so very much.

Ted Robledo

CH2M HILL Hanford Group

Shana Robledo

Fluor Hanford

Getting in the groove

If the grooved pavement at the barricades is for the purpose of irritating the Hanford employees or to aid in developing a few more rattles and squeaks in the automobiles that pass over them several times a week, then they have surely served their purpose.

If they are for safety reasons such as awakening an individual to prevent him running into the guard station, then they may have accomplished their purpose. However, after some individuals were sufficiently irritated, they began to do what is natural (avoiding the bumps by going around). Then came the safety cones placed at the end of the grooves to prevent what comes natural.

So, let me get this straight — if the grooves are to awaken the driver and the driver is awake enough to make an end run around the grooves, why make him go over the grooves?

Could the answer be: by golly, we are the authority here, and you will drive over those grooves even if we have to sit in the auto with you?

John Faulkner

Fluor Hanford



CALENDAR

Certified Hazardous Materials Managers to meet

Brian Dixon, manager of Fluor Hanford's Hanford Site Operations, Environmental Field Services will be the guest speaker at the March 4 meeting of the Eastern Washington Chapter, Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers in the Gallery Room of the Richland Library. Dixon's topic is "Regulatory and Technical Changes in Hazardous Materials Management." The meeting is free and open to the public. The social and networking time begins at 6:30 p.m., and the presentation and business meeting begin at 7.

AQP/ASQ scholarship applications available

Applications for the local chapters of the Association for Quality and Participation (AQP) and American Society for Quality (ASQ) \$1,000 scholarship are being accepted now through April 15. The scholarship will be awarded to a college-bound high school senior pursuing a career in a field related to quality and participation. Applicants must be seniors, graduating from high school in Benton or Franklin County, with an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher and a combined SAT score greater than 1,000. The application process includes a written essay as well as submittal of two letters of recommendation. For more information, check the AQP Web site at http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQP_ASQscholarship.html.

Tour the Hanford Technical Library March 6

Take a tour of the library on Thursday, March 6, 8:15-9:15 a.m., at room 101R of the Consolidated Information Center on the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus and find out what services are available to you in the library and on your desktop. For more information, contact Yung Harbison at 372-7453 or at yung.harbison@pnl.gov.

Symphony's American Rhapsody concert set

Mid-Columbia Symphony presents its "American Rhapsody" concert on Saturday, March 8, at 8 p.m. at the Art Fuller Auditorium at Kennewick High School. The program features "Rhapsody in Blue"

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with Tri-City piano virtuoso Bill McKay, Dvorak's "New World Symphony" and the Northwest premiere of "Overture of Diamonds" by Vermont composer Gwyneth Walker. Tickets are \$27, \$21 and \$12 with a \$4 discount for seniors. Ask about free student tickets. To purchase tickets, call the Mid-Columbia Symphony office at 943-6602, the WestCoast Hotel in Kennewick at 783-0611 or the Pasco Chamber of Commerce at 547-9755.

AQP/ASQ meets March 11 at SonShine Services

The Association for Quality and Participation and the American Society for Quality will hold their March 11 meeting at SonShine Collision Services, 6211 Okanogan in Kennewick. Owner Rob Myers will share SonShine's quality philosophy. SonShine received the Gold Award in the 2002 Mid-Columbia Small Business Awards. This award honors organizations that excel in dealing with customers and employees. Check-in and dinner start at 6 p.m., with the presentation/tour at 6:45. The cost is \$8 for AQP and ASQ members and \$10 for non-members. Make your reservations by March 6 by sending an e-mail message to lynn_l_gates@rl.gov or via the Web site at <http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm>.

NMA Top Management Night set for Mar. 12

The Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association will host River Protection Project Top Management Night on March 12 at the Richland Red Lion Hotel. Roy Schepens, manager of the Department of Energy Office of River Protection, Edward Aromi, president and general manager of CH2M HILL Hanford Group, Inc. and Ron Naventi, project director of Bechtel National, Inc. are the featured speakers. A mini-seminar will be held at 5 p.m., focusing on the basics of either the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator™ or the River Protection Project. Attendees may also choose to participate in the concurrent social hour. The business meeting starts at 6 p.m., and dinner will be at 6:30. There is no charge for chapter members; the cost for guests is \$20. Make a reservation at www.nma1.org/chapters/rsvp_form.htm or by calling Lisa Hart at 376-3484.

Donate blood March 25

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at 2261 Stevens Drive for a blood drive on March 25 from 9

a.m. to 3 p.m. To schedule an appointment to give blood, contact Kelly Layfield at 376-6785.

Project of the Year Award Banquet set for March 11

The Columbia River Basin Chapter of the Project Management Institute will host the ninth annual Project of the Year Award banquet on Tuesday, March 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Richland Red Lion Hotel. Guest speaker Sandra Ardis, manager of Marketing at the Project Management Institute headquarters, will announce the winning project and team. The award honors project teams for superior performance and execution of projects completed in 2002. Candidate projects are the Cold Test Facility Project submitted by CH2M HILL Hanford Group; the 324 Building Spent Nuclear Fuel Transfer Project submitted by Fluor Hanford; the K Basins Fuel Transfer System Project submitted by Fluor Hanford; and the Dry Spent Fuel Storage Project submitted by Energy Northwest Columbia Generating Station. To make a reservation for the banquet, contact Terri Witherspoon at 376-4925. Contact Bill Jasen at 521-0803 to make corporate table reservations. ♦

CLASSES



PROTRAIN offers the following software classes:

- **Network Security Administration** — March 17-21
- **Primavera Project Planning**
 - P-3 601 — April 21-23
 - P-3 602 — March 17
 - P-3 603 — March 18
 - P-3 604 — March 19
- **Microsoft Project 2000** — \$199 per day
 - Level 1 — March 12
 - Level 2 — March 13
- **Microsoft Access 2000**
 - Level 1 — March 17
 - Level 2 — March 18
 - Level 3 — March 19
- **Crystal Reports 8**
 - Introduction — March 10
 - Advanced — March 11

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Office XP classes are now available. For more information call 375-0414.

HAMMER sponsors RCRA seminar

Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center will sponsor a three-day Resource Conservation and Recovery Act seminar from McCoy and Associates on March 18, 19 and 20 at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland. Attendees will receive McCoy's *RCRA Reference*, 2003 edition, McCoy's *RCRA Unraveled*, 2003 edition, a three-ring course-notes binder, and RCRA remediation options and case studies. Registration will be limited to the first 200 participants. Site personnel may register for the seminar with their training schedulers or through PeopleSoft. The cost is \$550. Course agenda or additional information may be obtained by contacting your training scheduler or Don Brock via e-mail.

Course on ASME B31.3 Process Piping presented

The Columbia Basin Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers will present the professional development course, ASME B31.3 Process Piping, March 24-27 at Washington State University Tri-Cities. The instructor is Glynn Woods, and the cost is \$1,395 for ASME members and \$1,545 for nonmembers. This course demonstrates how the B31.3 Code has been correctly and incorrectly applied through examples shown by the instructor. To register, contact Matt Robinson at 371-5858 or at matt@asme.org. For more information, visit http://www.asme.org/sections/cb/B31_3course.html. ♦

Skills Lab offers

spelling seminar on March 20

Do you occasionally wonder whether your loosing your mind when trying to spell words like "seperate" or "occurence"? (*Yes, there are some misspelled words in that first sentence. How many did you catch? See the final paragraph for correct answers.*)

If you sometimes have trouble deciding how to spell a word, even *with* a spell-checker, plan to attend the "Successful Spelling" seminar on Thursday, March 20, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in room 31 of the administration building at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center.

This practical session will review common spelling demons and help you to learn to spell them correctly, once and for all. You'll master the Terrible Ten — the 10 most often misspelled words — and clarify commonly confused words. You'll also learn crucial key rules for spelling more than 4,000 words correctly. Best of all, you'll get tips and memory tricks to help you remember what you learn.

There is no charge, but the class fills quickly, so you must reserve space immediately by calling Kathy Dechter at 376-3250. The staff will host an informal Skills Enhancement Lab open house in room 4 after the spelling seminar for those interested in learning more about lab services.

Columbia Basin College faculty from the Skills Enhancement Lab will present the session. The Skills Lab, a partnership of the Department of Energy, CBC and HAMMER, helps workers improve their basic reading, writing, grammar, punctuation, math and spelling skills. It is open for private tutoring at no charge Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. inside the Learning Resource Center in room 4 at HAMMER. For information or to sign up for the session, call Kathy Dechter at 376-3250.

Corrections for first sentence: six misspelled words — *occasionally, whether, you're, losing, separate, occurrence* — How many did you catch? ■



SHOEMOBILE

300 Area

along fence east of Wisconsin Street

March 3	12-4 p.m.	Sound Safety
March 3	2-5 p.m.	BC Sales

100K Area

parking lot south of MO-401

March 4	7-10 a.m.	BC Sales
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200 East Area

northeast gravel parking lot of 2101-M

March 4	7 a.m.-12 p.m.	Sound Safety
March 4	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	BC Sales

200 West Area

parking lot east of MO-281

March 4	1-4 p.m.	Sound Safety
March 4	2-5 p.m.	BC Sales

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GENERAL INFO & ACTIVITIES

MAIL YOUR TICKET REQUESTS TO THE APPROPRIATE LISTED TICKET SELLER — It saves the ticket sellers' time and your tickets will be sent to you the same day. Do not combine the charge for tickets to two different events on the same check. If you do, it will be returned.

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UPCOMING TRIPS

• **Canadian Rockies Train Tour** — May 9-17. The price is \$2,199 pp including round-trip airfare from Pasco. Price includes 14 meals, tours, transfers and taxes. A \$100 deposit is due as soon as possible, with the balance due March 10. Fly to Vancouver, British Columbia, and explore the beautiful Canadian Rockies by train. Visit Kamloops, Jasper, Ice Fields Parkway, Lake Louise, Banff and Calgary. Visit <http://apweb02.rl.gov/hero/activities.cfm> for more information or contact Phyllis Roha at 376-6413 or by e-mail.

• **New Orleans Getaway** — May 19-23. \$1,099 ppdo includes airfare, lodging and six meals during this five-day getaway to the "Jazz Capital of the World." A deposit of

\$160 per person will reserve your spot, with final payment due March 20. Contact Linda Meigs for details.

• **French Riviera** — Oct. 6-15. The price is \$2,284 pp for twin, \$2,254 pp for triple and \$2,584 for single. A deposit of \$430 is due March 21 to hold your space, and the balance is due July 23. Credit cards are accepted. Tour the French Riviera, Italian Riviera, Monaco, St. Tropez, Cannes, Grasse and Nice. We will fly round-trip from Pasco. We only have to unpack once as we will be staying in Nice and taking day trips to all the other exciting places. There will be free time also to do your own exploring. Included are seven breakfasts and five dinners. Start saving now for an exciting adventure. E-mail Nancie Simon or call 373-2587 for more information.

• **Disney World/Disney Cruise** — Oct. 19-26. The price ranges from \$1,302 to \$1,852 ppdo, depending on the type of room you want. The price includes round-trip airfare from Pasco, four days in Walt Disney World with entrance into all the parks, a three-day cruise to the Bahamas and Castaway Cay (Disney's private island), taxes and transfers. Don't wait to send in a \$250 per person deposit to hold your spot. Contact Jim Hopfinger for more information.

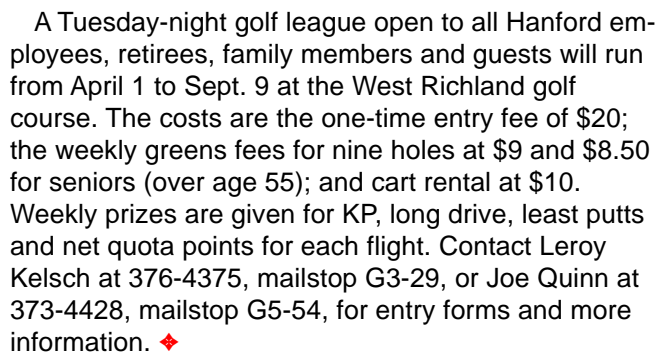
• **Reflections of Italy** — Departure date is Nov. 3. \$2,782 ppdo includes airfare, lodging and 13 meals during this 10-day journey to Italy, beginning in Rome, "the Eternal City." A deposit of \$430 per person will reserve your spot, with final payment due Sept. 4. Contact Linda Meigs for details.

• **Switzerland** — Nov. 3-11. The price is \$1,879 pp including round-trip airfare from Pasco. Price includes 11 meals, tours, transfers and taxes. A \$250 deposit is due May 3 and the balance is due Sept. 4. The medieval city of Bern is our host city. Highlights of the tour include the Swiss Parliament, the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens, Lake Geneva and the medieval Castle of Chillon. Enjoy breathtaking Alpine views with a ride on the Panoramic Express Train to Gstaad. Then on to Interlaken, Grindewald, Zurich, Burgdorf Castle, Lucerne and an optional tour to Germany and the mystical Black Forest. Visit <http://apweb02.rl.gov/hero/activities.cfm> or contact Phyllis Roha at 376-6413 or by e-mail for more information. ♦

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Golf Tuesday at West Richland



Day and Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford reminds employees to wear their badges. Vanpool and carpool drivers are responsible for ensuring their passengers are badged. If a passenger forgets his or her security badge, access is denied at the barricade. The individual is required to go to a badging station for a temporary badge or go home to retrieve the badge. For more information visit the Safeguards and Security Web page at <http://apweb02.rl.gov/phmc/sas>.

Vanpool No.154 has openings for two riders from southeast Kennewick to 200W. Picks up along the route beginning at 45th and Olympia, to Albertson's (Edison and Clearwater), to the 200W mobile offices MO-278, MO-279 and MO-287 and PFP. Call **Bill Leonard** at 373-1820. 2/24

Van No. 216 to 200E needs two 8x9 riders. This is a door-to-door vanpool that starts in south Richland on Jadwin, travels to Williams, then to Stevens, to Howell, back to Jadwin, and out to the 2750-E and 2101-M neighborhood. If you are near these streets and interested in a vanpool, call **Michelle Calvert** at 376-5400. 2/24

8x9 vanpool to 200E needs a rider. Rate as low as \$33.50 per month. Leaves former Hanford bus lot (across from 2440 Stevens) at 6:25 a.m. and drops off at 2750-E and MO-276 (behind 2750-E). Arrives at bus lot at 5 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and at 4 p.m. on Fridays worked. Contact **Dave Hedengren** at 373-5094. 2/24

Are you looking for comfort to and from work? Vanpool to 200E, 8x9 schedule, is looking for riders. Leaves Flat Top Park at 6:10 a.m. with drops at 2750, WESF and 2727-E. Contact **Glenn Garman** at 372-0054 or **Curt Hedger** at 373-7935. 2/24♦